

REMARKS

The applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough examination of the Application and request reexamination and reconsideration of the Application in view of the following remarks.

The Examiner indicates that claims 27, 53 and 77 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claims, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Merely to advance the prosecution of the subject application, the applicant has amended the claims to take advantage of the Examiner's indication of allowable claims. Specifically, independent claim 1 has been amended to include the features of claims 26 and 27; independent claim 30 has been amended to include the features of claims 52 and 53; and independent claim 56 has been amended to include the feature of claim 77.

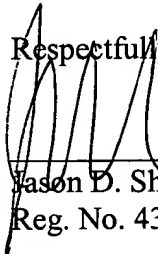
Accordingly, the rejections of the claims have been mooted by the above amendments to the claims, and the remaining claims are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Each of the Examiner's rejections has been addressed or traversed. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

If for any reason this Response is found to be incomplete, or if at any time it appears that a telephone conference with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned or his associates, collect in Waltham, Massachusetts, at (781) 890-5678.

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